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REMARKS

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11-14 and 17-24 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended herein. Applicant requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

In item 5 of the Office Action, claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-14, and 17-24 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,999,664 issued to Mahoney (hereafter "Mahoney") and in view of US Patent 5,995,996 issued to Venable (hereafter "Venable"). A prima facie case of obviousness is established only when the prior art teaches or suggests all of the elements of the claims. MPEP § 2143.03, In re Rijckaert, 9 F.3d 1531, 28 U.S.P.Q2d 1955, 1956 (Fed. Cir. 1993). In view of the amendments to independent claims 1, 7, and 13 and for the reasons that follow, Applicant asserts that the cited combination of Mahoney and Venable fails to show or suggest all of the elements of claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-14, and 17-24. Accordingly, for the reasons that follow, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-14, and 17-24 be withdrawn.

Claim 1 as amended herein includes the following elements:

" a processing pipeline identifier configured to identify at least one a processing pipeline to process each of the regions comprising one of the predefined data types selected in the selection interface, wherein for each respective one of the regions, the processing pipeline identifier identifies a processing pipeline from a plurality of processing pipelines to process the respective one of the regions based upon the predefined data type of the respective one of the regions, and based upon a predetermined destination application; and
the processing pipeline identifier being further configured to combine the regions processed by the at least one processing pipelines and to provide the combined regions processed by the at least one processing pipelines to the predetermined destination application."

Applicant respectfully asserts that the cited combination of Mahoney and Venable fails to show or suggest the above elements of claim 1 as amended herein. In particular, the cited combination of Mahoney and Venable fails to show or suggest that for each respective one of the regions, the processing pipeline identifier identifies a processing pipeline from a plurality of processing pipelines to process the respective one of the regions based upon the predefined data type of the respective one of the regions, and based upon a predetermined destination application. Also,

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the cited combination of Mahoney and Venable fails to show or suggest a processing pipeline identifier that combines processed regions that are then applied to a destination application as set forth in amended claim 1.

In addition, claims 7 and 13 have been amended herein to include limitations similar in scope with those of claim 1 above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of amended claims 1, 7, and 13 be withdrawn, and that the rejection of claims 2, 5-6, 8, 11-12, 14 and 17-24 be withdrawn as depending from claims 1, 7, or 13.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicant's response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



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